Heartwarming 31 page oneshot!
Nufunufu no Shima
A Soft Island
A promise ring
Yuu lives in Miyakoshima. She wants to leave the island, but she's too worried about her slacker father. But one day...
Hanaya En
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shaaa..
Okinawa. An old soba shop on the island of Miyakojima.
Here...
Taira Soba
I'M HOME!
Taira Soba
AGAIN?
DAD, YOU LEFT THE LAUNDRY HANGING OUTSIDE!
DAD?

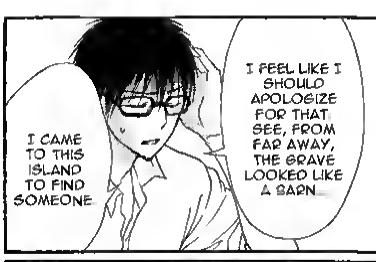
I live with my useless father.
SNORES
SNORES
SNORES
SABBO
SIGH
IT'S THE MIDDLE OF THE DAY! DON'T JUST DRINK BEER AND SLEEP ON MY PILLOWS!
I'M SO SICK OF THIS!
It's so soft
THIS LITTLE DOLL IS PERFECT AS A PILLOW
I like it

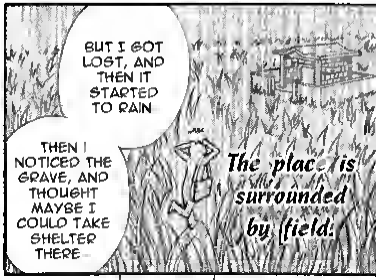
RATTLE
RATTLE
RATTLE
It won't open
STUCK
HUH?
OH, SORRY!
I'll open it now!
startled
URGH...
IT'S NOT A DOLL, IT'S A STUFFED ANIMAL!
A full-sized one
Squish
Smells like beer.
SNEAKS OUT
I'LL JUST THROW THIS IN WITH THE LAUNDRY
SQUEAK
drip

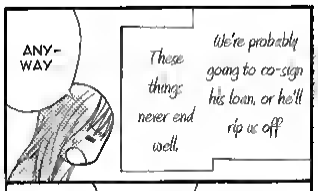
Startled
DAAADDD!
Bam
UM
I'M AKIRA NISHINA
drip
I CAME FROM TOKYO, AND I'LL BE STAYING HERE FOR A WHILE
Hi
YOU CAN'T JUST LET STRANGERS STAY HERE!
ESPECIALLY MAINLANDERS*! DON'T YOU THINK IT'S SUSPICIOUS?
WELL, WHEN I WENT TO YOUR MOTHER'S GRAVE,
HE WAS HUDDLING BESIDE IT, TRYING TO STAY OUT OF THE RAIN.
I JUST HAD TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT.

* She means people who are not from Okinawa.

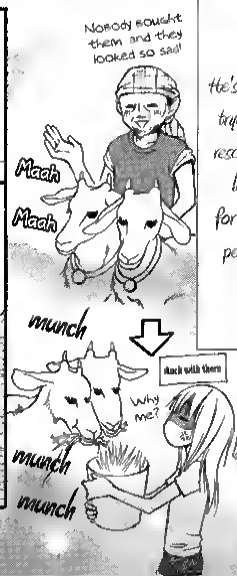
Camping outside is sad. You'll get sick.
WHY, WHEN I WAS YOUNG AND TRAVELING ACROSS JAPAN, I STAYED WITH ALL SORTS OF PEOPLE.
It's alright!
WE SHOULD TRY TO HELP EACH OTHER OUT.
Hahaha!
BESIDES, I CAN TELL YOU'RE A GOOD PERSON
I see.
Oh, here we go again.


I FEEL LIKE I SHOULD APOLOGIZE FOR THAT. SEE, FROM FAR AWAY, THE GRAVE LOOKED LIKE A BARN.
I CAME TO THIS ISLAND TO FIND SOMEONE


BUT I GOT LOST, AND THEN IT STARTED TO RAIN
THEN I NOTICED THE GRAVE, AND THOUGHT MAYBE I COULD TAKE SHELTER THERE.
The place is surrounded by field.

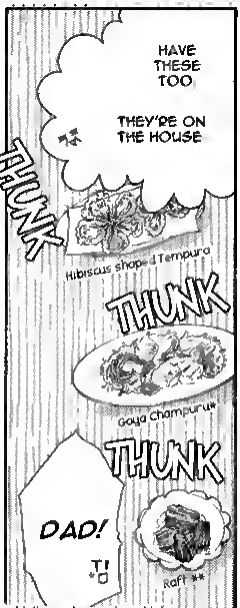

ANY-WAY
These things never end well.
We're probably going to co-sign his loan, or he'll rip us off

Ok.
MAKE SURE YOU LEAVE AS SOON AS YOU'VE FOUND WHOEVER YOU'RE LOOKING FOR!
glares
I'm really sorry.


Nobody bought them and they looked so sad!
Maah
Maah
munch
munch
munch
Stuck with them
Why me?

He's always trying to rescue the less-fortunate people.

EH?
SHALL I TELL YOU HOW MY WIFE AND I MET?
I KNEW IT! JUST LIKE MASAKO DID 20 YEARS AGO.
LOOKING FOR SOMEONE... A GIRL, PERHAPS?
.....
U...A girl?
WELL ....
YES.
THIS AGAIN? NO ONE CARES, DAD.
IT'S OK. I'D LIKE TO HEAR IT.
WELL, MY MASAKO WAS THE DAUGHTER OF A PRETTY RICH FAMILY ON THE MAINLAND
I MET HER WHEN I WAS TRAVELLING, AND IT WAS LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT
SHE FOLLOWED ME BACK WHEN I WENT HOME
I was so happy
BUT HER PARENTS DISINHERITED HER FOR THAT
AND SHE DIED RIGHT AFTER YUU WAS BORN
IT WAS ONLY FOR A LITTLE WHILE, BUT WE WERE REALLY HAPPY



* stir fried bitter melon, pork and tofu
** a side dish consisting of very fatty cubes of stewed pork

AKIRA?
HE'S SUCH A SUCKER FOR FLATTERY.
GOD.
...
OUCH
SORRY, ARE YOU OK?
!
AAH...!
Crash
AAH!

I'M FINE
WHAT WERE YOU DOING UP THERE?
HUH? OH...
I THOUGHT I'D PAY YOU GUYS BACK FOR LETTING ME FREELOAD BY DOING SOME CLEANING
I...
OH GOOD IT DIDN'T BREAK
EH?
STARTLE
MY MOTHER'S LUNCH RING!

BUNCH?
BUNCH RING
IT'S A TRADITION IN OKINAWAN WEDDINGS
FLOWERS FOR A COLORFUL LIFESTYLE
A LEAF FOR ENOUGH CLOTHING, A FISH FOR PLENTY OF FOOD,
A DOVE FOR PEACE IN THE HOME, A FLAME FOR MANY DESCENDANTS AND A BUTTERFLY FOR HEAVEN'S BLESSINGS
AND LASTLY, A FAN -
FOR ENDLESS HAPPINESS
THIS RING HAS A LIFETIME OF GOOD WISHES WRAPPED IN IT
IT'S THE HOUSE'S -
MY FATHER'S TREASURE
Every day he leaves it in the house shrine and prays there.
MY DAD HE DOESN'T USUALLY MIND ANYTHING I DO
BUT THE ONE TIME I TOUCHED THIS RING, HE GOT FURIOUS

THAT'S UNUSUAL FOR HIM
West University Okinawa
University of the Ryukyus
YOU'RE GOING TO COLLEGE?
THE EDUCATION PROGRAMS ARE CIRCLED
YOU WANT TO BE A TEACHER?
I WANT TO, BUT WE DON'T HAVE THE MONEY
PLEASE DON'T MENTION IT TO MY DAD!
YOU'RE A NICE GIRL, YUU
JUST LIKE YOUR NAME
* Her name, in kanji, means kind.

Akira's much nicer than I thought...
YUU! WE HAVE A DELIVERY FOR SHIMOJI HOSPITAL!
I HAVE A TEACHING CERTIFICATE SO, FROM NOW ON
YOU CAN CONSULT ME ABOUT THINGS RELATED TO YOUR COURSE AND STUDIES
"KIND"?
When we fell, he covered my body
and when I was upset, he patted me.
AAH,
WHAT AM I BLUSHING FOR?
SHAKE
SHAKE
AND HE'S 8 YEARS OLDER THAN ME---
HE HAS A GIRL-FRIEND

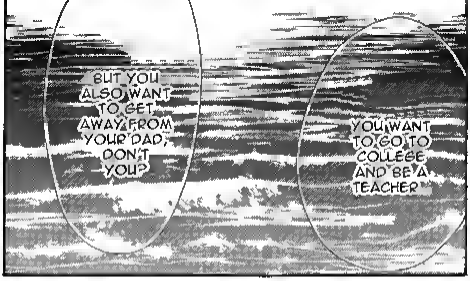
CHIEF
IT'S NISHINA REPORTING IN
YES
I THOUGHT IT WAS POSSIBLE TO AVOID DIRECT CONTACT WITH THEM
BUT THEY INSISTED ON ME LIVING WITH THEM
I'M SORRY BUT ON THE BRIGHT SIDE, PERHAPS I CAN GET AN INSIDER'S VIEW ON THINGS?
ALSO, THINGS...
MAY GET WRAPPED UP SOONER THAN EXPECTED
Rust le

ALL OF YOU WERE STUDYING YESTERDAY?
I DIDN'T KNOW THAT
SORRY
It was a last minute decision
AND WE DIDN'T WANT TO MAKE THINGS AWKWARD BY TELLING YOU ABOUT IT
HUH?

WE'RE ALL KIND OF BUSY PREPPING FOR ENTRANCE EXAMS...
WELCOME HOME, YUU-
DADDY KIND OF WORE HIMSELF OUT TODAY
CAN YOU MAKE THE DELIVERIES ?
YUU?
.....
I'M SICK OF IT!
DADDY KIND OF. .

But it has to be said.
MY GRADES ARE BETTER THAN ANY OF MY FRIENDS'
YOU DO NOTHING BUT SLEEP, YOU'RE COMPLETELY USELESS, AND I DO ALL THE WORK
BUT I CAN'T GO TO COLLEGE, BECAUSE YOU'RE TOO POOR!
DID IT EVER OCCUR TO YOU THAT I HAVE DREAMS TOO?
WHY?
WHY DO I HAVE TO MANAGE EVERYTHING?
Oh, no
I can't stop myself.
not kind at all.
YUU
I'm...
YUU!

IT'S DANGEROUS FOR A GIRL TO BE OUT HERE ALONE
WHAT'S MY DAD DOING?
WHOO
YOUR DAD?
JUST WATCHING TV
I FIGURED
NO MATTER HOW MUCH I CRY AND SHOUT,
HE NEVER DOES ANYTHING
HE DOESN'T CARE ABOUT
HOW I FEEL.
I KNOW HOW THAT FEELS.
IT'S SAD WHEN PEOPLE DON'T UNDER-STAND YOU


BUT YOU ALSO WANT TO GET AWAY FROM YOUR DAD, DON'T YOU?
YOU WANT TO GO TO COLLEGE AND BE A TEACHER

NOD

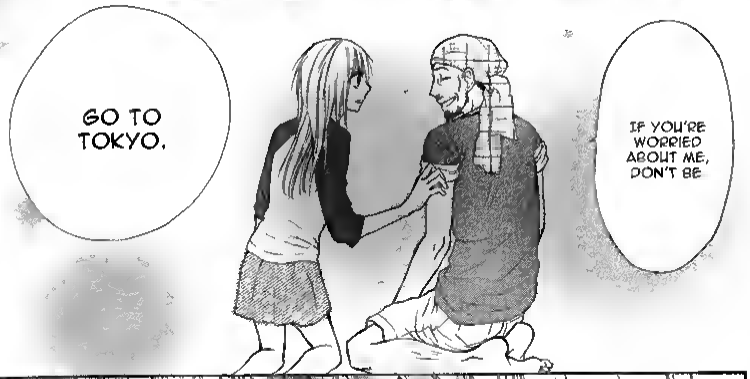
WHAT?
A DETEC-TIVE?
MAYBE
I CAN MAKE THAT HAPPEN.

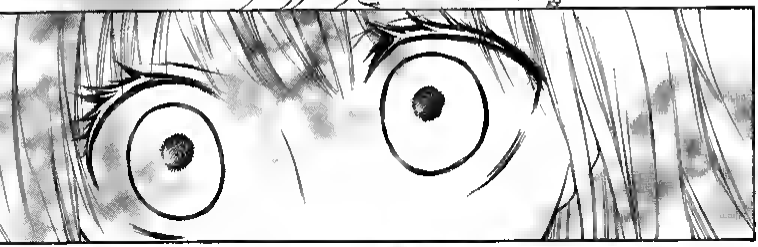
I APOLOGIZE FOR TRICKING YOU.
I WAS ASSIGNED BY YOUR LATE WIFE'S FATHER – IN OTHER WORDS, YUU'S GRANDFATHER – TO INVESTIGATE AND REPORT ON THE TAIRA HOUSEHOLD.
BUT...YOU WERE LOOKING FOR YOUR GIRLFRIEND
HUH?
I KNEW HE WAS A DETECTIVE
RUMORS SPREAD FAST IN THIS PLACE
YOUR GRANDFATHER IS A VERY WEALTHY MAN,
AND HE WISHES FOR YOU TO LIVE WITH HIM IN TOKYO
I WAS CARELESS.
Ha ha ha
doom
WE'VE HAD DETECTIVES COME AROUND BEFORE
YOU JUST WERE THE MOST OBVIOUS ONE
I HOPE YOU'LL FORGIVE ME FOR BEING SO BLUNT BUT HE'S WONDERING ABOUT HOW HIS ONLY GRANDDAUGHTER CAN RECEIVE A PROPER EDUCATION HERE
COUGH
IN ANY CASE

Dad will say no, right?
He can't manage without me.
AKIRA...
I was just looking into universities in Okinawa.
But that's so far away...
I do want to go to college...
Tokyo...
I LEAVE MY DAUGHTER
UNDER YOUR CARE.
DAD?

YUU
HE CAN'T BE A BAD MAN
HE RAISED YOUR MOTHER

ARE YOU OK WITH HANDING ME OVER TO A STRANGER?
SHOULDN'T YOU BE A LITTLE LESS WILLING TO LET GO OF YOUR ONLY CHILD?
WHAT ..?


GO TO TOKYO.
IF YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT ME, DON'T BE



But I had to put up with it, because he needed me.
blamed everything on him.
I've always...

'CODEPENDENCE', I THINK THAT'S WHAT IT'S CALLED?
MAYBE YOU NEEDED HIM ALL ALONG?
I'm free at last.
So why does my heart feel heavy?
YOU'RE STILL JUST A KID IT'S NATURAL THAT YOU WOULD NEED YOUR FATHER
WELL...
I'VE DONE WHAT I WAS SENT TO DO.
DON'T GET ANGRY, YUU
SIGH

EH?
DOES THAT MEAN...
DAD DOESN'T NEED ME AS MUCH AS I THOUGHT?
WHAT ABOUT DAD?
MAYBE HE'S THE ONLY ONE WHO HOLDS THE ANSWER TO THAT.

what Dad's thinking at all.
I don't understand
YUU,
SHALL WE HEAD TO THE AIRPORT?
DAD, DAD!
I'M LEAVING NOW. AREN'T YOU GOING TO SAY GOOD BYE?
YOUR DAD'S STILL IN THE BATHROOM.
Cheery
BYE DARLING! HAVE A GOOD TIME!
.....
DAD
TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF.

whoo
AKIRA.
HMM?
THANK YOU FOR GETTING ME OUT OF HERE
IT'S EVERYTHING I'VE EVER WANTED.
I'LL... TWORK HARD IN TOKYO.
whoosh
The wind?
whoa~

NO-THING
WHAT'S WRONG?
I thought I heard my name...
WHOOSH
It must've been my imagination.
YUU!
pant
pant
pant

SLIPS
Dad?
DAD!
CRASH
YOU CAME RUNNING ALL THE WAY OUT HERE IN YOUR BATHROOM SLIPPERS?
PANT
PANT
PANT
PANT
OAO
TAKE THIS...
WITH YOU
IT'S YOURS NOW.

I'VE KEPT IT SAFE FOR A DAY LIKE THIS
IT'S ALRIGHT
THE DAY WHEN I HAVE TO LET YOU GO IT WILL PROTECT YOU WHEN I'M NOT WITH YOU
I CAN'T ACCEPT THIS
IT'S A FAMILY HEIRLOOM. YOU'VE BLESSED IT EVERY DAY

AFTER YOUR MOTHER DIED, I KEPT THINKING ABOUT ALL THESE STRANGE THINGS
DID YOU KNOW, YUU?
I THOUGHT I MADE A BAD CHOICE
I LOVED HER TOO MUCH TO LET HER GO, AND IT KILLED HER
SHE MIGHT HAVE LIVED
IF I HAD FORCED HER TO GO BACK TO THE MAINLAND,
WHOO
WHOO

NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU LOVE SOMEONE THERE'S A TIME TO LET THEM GO.
THAT'S WHAT I ALWAYS THOUGHT.
BUT I REALIZED YOU'LL BE FINE BECAUSE
WHEREVER YOU GO, YOU'RE STILL YOUR FATHER'S TREASURE.

Squeeze
YOU'RE WARMER THAN THE SUNLIGHT
'MY'
Snow White
AND MORE PRECIOUS THAN ANY JEWEL.
DARLING DAUGHTER

I THINK
I WON'T GO TO TOKYO AFTER ALL.
I've always
AKIRA,
always wanted to hear those words.
I ALREADY HAVE
WHAT I'VE ALWAYS WANTED.
END

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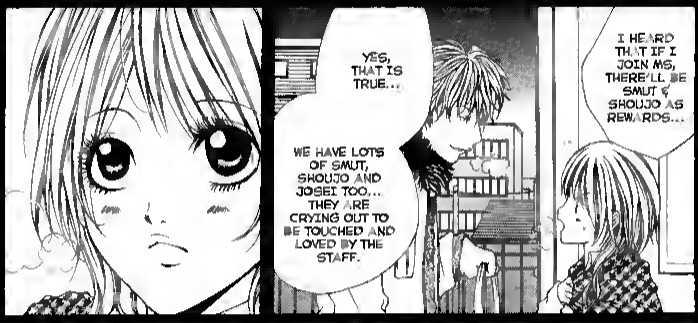
I HEARD THAT IF I JOIN MS, THERE'LL BE SMUT & SHOUJO AS REWARDS...
YES, THAT IS TRUE...
WE HAVE LOTS OF SMUT, SHOUJO AND JOSEI TOO... THEY ARE CRYING OUT TO BE TOUCHED AND LOVED BY THE STAFF.

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We need more help in the form of Editors, Cleaners, Japanese Translators and Proofreaders.

Midnight Scans is crying out for more help...

I'M GLAD YOU'VE JOINED MS...
I'M SURE WE'LL HAVE LOTS OF FUN... WITH ME AND THE SMUT, SHOUJO & JOSEI HORDES, YOU'LL NEVER BE LEFT UNWANTED...
Touch
Bye-Bye